

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF INDIANA  
INDIANAPOLIS DIVISION**

The Judicial Conference of the United States has authorized the appointment of a full-time United States Magistrate Judge for the Southern District of Indiana, due to the retirement of Magistrate Judge V. Sue Shields effective January 28, 2007.

The duties of this judicial position are demanding and wide-ranging, involving both civil and criminal case responsibilities:

- (1) Conduct of most preliminary proceedings;
- (2) Trial and disposition of misdemeanor cases;
- (3) Conduct of mediation and settlement proceedings in civil cases;
- (4) Conduct of various other pretrial matters and evidentiary proceedings on delegation of the judges of the district court; and
- (5) Trial and disposition of civil cases upon consent of the litigants.

Jurisdiction of the United States Magistrate Judge is specified in 28 U.S.C. § 636.

To be qualified for appointment, an applicant must:

- (1) Be, and have been for at least five years, a member in good standing of the bar of the highest court of a state, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, or the Virgin Islands of the United States, and have been engaged in the active practice of law for a period of at least five years (with some substitutions authorized);
- (2) Be competent to perform all the duties of the office; be of good moral character; be emotionally stable and mature; be committed to equal justice under the law; be in good health; be patient and courteous; and be capable of deliberation and decisiveness;
- (3) Be less than seventy years old; and
- (4) Not be related to a judge of the district court.

A Merit Selection Panel composed of attorneys and other members of the community will review all applicants and recommend to the judges of the District Court in confidence the five persons it considers best qualified. The Court will make the appointment, following an FBI

full-field investigation and an IRS tax check of the appointee. An affirmative effort will be made to give due consideration to all qualified candidates. The current annual salary of the position is \$151,984. The term of office is eight years.

Application forms and more information on the Magistrate Judge position may be obtained from Laura A. Briggs, District Court Clerk, 46 East Ohio Street, Room 105, Indianapolis, IN 46204, or from the District Court website at: <http://www.insd.uscourts.gov>. Applications must be submitted only by potential nominees personally and must be received by close of business May 17, 2006.

All applications will be kept confidential, unless the applicant consents to disclosure, and all applications will be examined only by members of the Merit Selection Panel and the Judges of the District Court. The panel's deliberations will remain confidential.